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1. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY EC INFORMATION OFFICE IN WASHINGTON IS CORRECT. ALTHOUGH EC-LEBANON AGREEMENT SIGNED DECEMBER, 1972, IT IS NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL PARLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION, WHICH HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE.

2. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT RATIFICATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE DELAYED UNTIL OCTOBER, WHEN NEW NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW AGREEMENT INVOLVING LEBANON, SYRIA, JORDAN AND EGYPT MIGHT BEGIN. THUS, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT AGREEMENT WILL NEVER BE RATIFIED.

3. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY EMBASSY, WE HAD LEARNED THAT COMMON POSITION REACHED SOME TIME AGO IN ARAB LEAGUE AGAINST CONCEPT
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OF REVERSED PREFERENCES. MOREOVER, BASED ON COPIES OF TRAFFIC

WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE, IT WOULD SEEM THAT PRINCIPLE OF NO
REVERSE PREFERENCES ACCEPTED DURING EC-ARAB DISCUSSIONS IN CAIRO
LAST MONTH.
GODLEY

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